(b) if so, whether this proposal is still pending and any time frame has been fixed to clear this proposal;

(c) whether the expenditure on this work is likely to be increased due to long delay in approval of the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has provided land to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for developing Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho airports to international level. In this regard, AAI has taken up various development and upgradation works to provide facilities of international standards at Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho airports. At Bhopal airport-strengthening and extension of runway upto 2744 m, extension of runway for wide bodied aircraft and construction of new terminal building. At Indore airport-strengthening and extension of runway upto 2750 m, extension of apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft and construction of new terminal building. At Khajuraho airport-strengthening new Terminal Building and extension of runway upto 2286 m besides extension of apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft.

Runway at Mumbai airport

2007. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on the third runway in Mumbai airport has not yet started;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government proposed to take in this regard to complete the third runway as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) As per the Master Plan prepared by M/s Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. for development of CSI Airport, Mumbai, there is no provision for construction of third runway at the airport due to physical and land constraints.

Enquiry against Pilots of IC 884

2008. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pilots of Indian Airlines grounded the aircraft IC 884, due to Midair Scuffle and the authorities have ordered for an enquiry besides ordering the concerned Pilots and the crew derosted;

(b) why the suspension of the concerned was not resorted to pending enquiry when there is a *prima facie* cases; and

(c) what is the reason to derost them when there is a scope for suspension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against the concerned crew.

Inquiry in Kingfisher aeroplane incident

2009. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Kingfisher aeroplane mishap at Mumbai airport on 10 November, 2009 is completed;

(b) if so, the persons held responsible for the incident;

(c) what are the long term measures DGCA and Airports Authority of India (AAI) propose to take to ensure that runways are maintained properly to minimize risk to lives and properties of passengers and airlines;

(d) whether National Aviation Company India Limited (NACIL) entered into any understanding with pilots who had gone on 'sick leave agitation' in October, 2009;

(e) what financial burden NACIL had to bear to meet demands of pilots; and

(f) whether NACIL would adopt similar attitude with other aviation staff also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Besides regular safety audits of airports, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has advised all Aerodrome operators to devise a preventive maintenance programme based on guidelines issued in the Civil Aviation Requirements on the subject, issued by DGCA, for ensuring continuous serviceability of runway.

(d) and (e) When the executive pilots of National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) went on mass sick leave, NACIL offered to re-examine the Board resolution regarding cuts in Productivity Linked Incentive (PLI) and Flying Allowances of Executive Cadre Employees of NACIL.

(f) NACIL had to bear no extra financial burden as PLI and Flying Allowance were being paid earlier also. However, the cost reduction exercises and revenue enhancement measures initiated by NACIL were affected due to Executive Pilots going on mass sick leave, besides a revenue loss of Rs. 65 crore.

Cancellation of flights due to under booking

2010. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some of the private airlines particularly Kingfisher Red cancel their flights at the eleventh hour due to under booking;